

The Book of 1st Timothy and Church Roles and Responsibilities

Week Two

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Introduction:

Author: Paul the Apostle Timing: 58/59 or 64/65AD Audience: A letter to Timothy

The book of 1st Timothy (Translated “one who honors God”) was written by Paul (a.k.a., Saul) shortly after leaving Ephesus over the Demetrius incident. Timothy, a profound believer was from Derbe or Lystra in Asia Minor. Timothy was the son of Eunice, a Jewess, and a Greek man who is unnamed. His grandmother, Lois was a pious woman; as was her daughter, who had significant influence in the life of Timothy.

Paul met Timothy in 51 or 52AD and Timothy became a traveling companion of Paul and Silas. Timothy was recognized early on as someone who would be important to the church. The underlying theme of the book is widely accepted to be primarily instruction on church leadership. I find it broader that that thus the Title of this study.

Chapter Two

2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications [ask humbly, beseech], prayers, intercessions [petition in favor of another], *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2:2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

2:3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;

2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1. Why should we pray for, and subject ourselves, to those “in power?” 1Pet 2:13, Rom 12:18. What effect would Godly leaders have on the mission of believers? Ecc 8:2-5

2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator [one who intervenes between parties] between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

2. These verses give emphasis to Timothy on the foundation of the Christian faith. John 3:16, Heb 9:15 Phi 2:6-8 What does it mean, “to be testified in due time?” 1Tim 6:15, Rom 5:6,

2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

3. Who ordained Paul? 1Tim 1:12, Eph 3:7, 8 What is the difference between a preacher and an apostle (one who is sent)? Acts 9:15 What point is Paul trying to make in this passage? John 4:23-24, Job 16:17, Prov 15:8

2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.

2:10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

4. Should this passage be controversial today? Tit 2:3, Gen 3:16 How should we as men guide women in this respect (be careful!)? 1 Pet 3:3-5, Eph 5:25, Prov 31:31, 2 Pet 1:6-8

2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection [the act of subduing, bringing under domination].

2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp [to seize, take hold of] authority over the man, but to be in silence.

5. How should this be manifested in the church today? 1Cor 11:3, 14:34 Why do you think Paul wanted these particular “rules” put in place? Is man superior to woman?

2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

6. Who was responsible for Original Sin? Gen 3:6, 8-10, 12-13, 17 2Cor 11:3 . Then what is Paul getting at here?

2:15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

7. What does “saved in childbearing” mean? Gen 3:16 Interpret the clause that is the last half of the final verse of this chapter. Tit 2:12, 1Pet 4:7
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Summary:

In this 2nd chapter to the book of 1st Timothy, the apostle Paul first reminds us regarding our relationship with Christ our Savior. Then, we learn about the role of women in the church, her relation to man, and how she arrived at that role from the beginning of time. This is what the Bible says is proper, “Biblical.” Women have choice, Man has choice. We all choose whether to follow God’s Will; the Word.

Thank you for attending,

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